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SUBJ: DEMARCHE ON OPEC PRICE DECISION

REF: STATE 290668

1. IN DECEMBER 1 MEETING WITH SENEGALESE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSANE SECK, AMBASSADOR MADE FULL DEMARCHE ON OPEC PRICE DECISION. AMBASSADOR COUNTERED MIMDSTER'S COMPLAINT ABOUT CONTINUING DETERIORATION OF TERMS OF TRADE WITH PREDICTION OF ESPECIALLY HARSH CONSEQUENCES OF OIL PRICE INCREASE ON LDOS SUCH AS SENEGAL. MINISTER SAID DISCUSSION WOULD BE DIFFICULT IN AFRICAN AND THIRD WORLD COUNCILS BECAUSE OF INCREASING TENDENCY TOWARD AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY. AMBASSADOR URGED HIM TO JOIN WITH OTHER VOICES OF REASON IN OPPOSING MEASURE, POINTING OUT THAT SENEGAL HAD ON OCCASION BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SUCH EFFORTS IN THE PAST WHEN IT ASSUMED A LEADERSHIP ROLE. SECK SAID HE WOULD STUDY AIDE MEMOIRE AMBASSADOR DELIVERED AND DO BEST HE COULD CN KINSHASA - ALTHOUGH HE COULD MAKE NO PROMISES ON FINAL OUTCOME.

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2. COMMENT: DURING PAST FEW DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ARTICLES IN SENEGALESE SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS REFERRING TO DIFFICULTIES WHICH ANOTHER RISE IN OIL PRICES WILL PROVOKE FOR WORLD ECONOMY. DCM WAS TOLD IN CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS SALOUM KANDE NOVEMBER 29 THAT "ONLY COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD BENEFIT FROM RISE IN OIL PRICES WOULD BE PRODUCING COUNTRIES" WHILE CONSUMERS LIKE SENEGAL WOULD CONTINUE TO SUFFER.

3. FOR KINSHASA: EMBASSY BELIEVES POSITION ATTRIBUTED TO FONMINISTER NGUYL IN PARA 3 REFTEL WOULD STRIKE RESPONSIVE CHORD IN SENEGALESE DELEGATION'S ATTITUDE THIS SUBJECT. AGGREY

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